

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of September 19, 2006, a more descriptive title is presented and claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 13 and 14 have been amended and new claims 19-22 are newly presented. All of these amendments are supported by the original specification and drawings, including Figures 1-4 and the description thereof at page 4, line 1 through page 5, line 21.

With regard to paragraph 2 of the Official Action, claims 7, 16 and 17 are canceled and therefore amendment of the drawings is not required.

Referring now to paragraph 4 of the Official Action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10 and 12-15 are not obvious under 35 USC §103(a) in view of US patent 4,293,799, Roberts, further in view of US patent application publication 2004/0062055, Rozenberg et al (hereinafter Rozenberg).

More particularly, the Office asserts with respect to claim 1, that Roberts discloses a lighting system as shown in Figure 1 thereof comprising a carrier for a primary source of electricity, including a plurality of primary coils, a plurality of sealed lighting modules, each including at least one secondary coil, each for electromagnetically linking with one of the primary coils, wherein each lighting module has at least one light source. However, Roberts, does not disclose or suggest that the recited components therein are in a sealed lighting module. In fact, the secondary coil of the plurality of transformers 3,4,5...N are shown as outside of the respective loads 11,12,13...Z where each load is, for example, a florescent lamp. To the contrary, in the present invention the secondary coil is within the sealed lighting module and, as a result, the recited advantages of the present invention are attained; namely, where the lighting modules are particularly suited for use in areas with water or noxious gases present (see page 4, lines 1-21).

Rozenberg does not make up for this deficiency in Roberts and, in fact, neither of the references are intended for applications where the secondary coil is in a sealed module apart from the primary coil. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not suggested by Roberts in view of Rozenberg.

Claim 10 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and, for similar reasons, it is believed to be not suggested by Roberts in view of Rozenberg.

Since independent claims 1 and 10 are believed to be distinguished over the cited art, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims thereto, including claims 2-6, 8 and newly submitted claims 19 and 20 with regard to independent claim 1, and claims 11-15, 21 and 22 with regard to independent claim 10, are also further distinguished over the cited art.

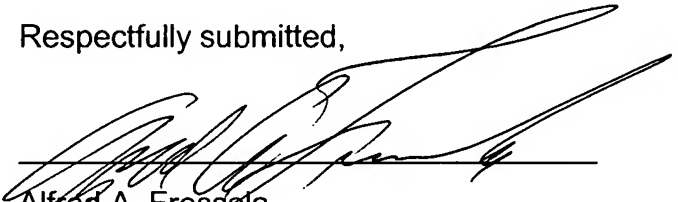
As a result, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the present application are distinguished over the cited art at paragraph 4 of the Official Action.

For similar reasons, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 at paragraph 5 of the Official Action as being obvious under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Roberts further in view of US patent 3,833,817, Patel, is believed to be overcome. In particular, the emergency lighting system in Patel does not disclose or suggest a sealed lighting module and, consequently, it does not make up for the deficiency in Roberts.

A Supplemental IDS is also being filed herewith in view of art cited in a counterpart foreign application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application as amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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